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TO AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

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SUBJ: GRC EXPORT EMBARGO ON VINYL PLASTIC FILM

REFS: STATE 140144; TAIPEI 4340; TAIPEI 4347

1. EMBASSY'S HELPFUL RESPONSES GREATLY APPRECIATED.
2. HENRY TROUNSTINE, VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER CLOPAY CORPORATION, ARRIVING TAIPEI AT NOON ON THURSDAY, JULY 26, FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH COMPANY AND GRC OFFICIALS REGARDING EMBARGO VINYL PLASTIC PRODUCTS. WILL CONTACT EMBASSY AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE DISCUSSION WITH AMBASSADOR IF PRACTICABLE.

3. T. C. KOO OF CLOPAY IN TAIWAN SAID TO HAVE INFORMATION

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EXPORT BAN MIGHT BE LIFTED IN SEPTEMBER. CLOPAY OFFICIALS

IN U.S. AT FIRST CLAIMED TO BE SUSPICIOUS, GIVEN POSSIBLE TIMING COINCIDENCE, TAIWANESE EXPORT BAN SOMEHOW LINKED WITH U.S. SOYBEAN EXPORT CONTROLS. HOWEVER, AFTER DEPT OFFICER EXPLAINED TAIWAN'S RAW MATERIAL SHORTAGE PROBLEM (BASED ON PARA. 2 TAIPEI 4347) THEY NOW CONSIDER IT LIKELY THAT POSSIBLE LIFTING OF VINYL EMBARGO LINKED WITH SCHEDULED COMING INTO OPERATION IN SEPTEMBER OF TAIWANESE COKE-ACETYLENE-VINYL RESIN FACILITY. WITH SUPPLY NATURAL GAS DECREASING, CLOPAY OFFICIALS UNDERSTAND TAIWAN RECONVERTING TO PRODUCING ACETYLENE AND BY-PRODUCT VINYL RESIN FROM COKE, PROCESS UTILIZED PRIOR TO USING NATURAL GAS AS RAW MATERIAL.

4. TOP LEVEL CLOPAY OFFICIALS TELL US IN CONFIDENCE THAT IF TROUNSTINE CANNOT PERSUADE GRC OFFICIALS TO LIFT EMBARGO COMPLETELY AT ONCE, HE WILL SEEK PARTIAL RELAXATION. THESE OFFICIALS MAINTAIN THAT WHILE THEIR COSTS WOULD BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY REDUCTION OF SUPPLY FROM TAIWAN, THEY PROBABLY COULD QUOTE LIVE UNQUOTE WITH 50 PERCENT OR PERHAPS EVEN SLIGHTLY LESS THAN REGULAR FLOW OF TAIWANESE PLASTIC FILM AND PRODUCTS UNTIL SEPTEMBER.

5. EMBASSY REQUESTED PROVIDE TROUNSTINE WITH WHATEVER ASSISTANCE IT DEEMS APPROPRIATE. THERE IS CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST. ROGERS

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